

**ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT**

**LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS**

**JANUARY 10, 1989**

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Veral Pinkerton, Bridge Engineer  
Allan Holmes, Construction & Maintenance Engineer  
Marion Butler, Division Head, Environmental Division

**FROM:** Charles E. Venable, Chief Engineer

**SUBJECT:** Bridge Painting - Protection of the Environment

In order to prevent contamination of the environment during bridge painting or repainting work, the following procedure shall become standard Department policy.

1. The Bridge Division and Maintenance Division will notify the Environmental Division of the location of the bridges being considered for cleaning and repainting and the location of all new structures which will require field painting. This notification will be made at the same time work is started on the plans for the project.
2. The Environmental Division will:
  - a. Make preliminary tests of existing structural steel to determine if the expected waste will be classified as hazardous.
  - b. Determine if the structure spans a public water supply, or is located in an environmentally critical area or a sensitive area.
  - c. Notify the Arkansas Department of Pollution Control and Ecology (PCE) and the Arkansas Department of Health of the proposed work.
  - d. Advise the Bridge Division and/or Maintenance Division of the results of the above determinations and any additional requirements deemed necessary by the PCE and/or the Department of Health.
3. The Bridge Division and/or Maintenance Division will place the appropriate notations on the plans and include the appropriate requirements in the job specifications.

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cc: Assistant Chief Engineer - Operations  
Assistant Chief Engineer - Design  
Assistant Chief Engineer - Planning